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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: BAGASSE PAPER MILL

REF: STATE 221934; CARACAS 1247

1. ACCORDING TO THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE FIRM, THE FEASIBILITY STUDY WAS DONE BY FUNDACION INSTITUTO VENEZOLANO DE PRODUCTIVIDAD, EDIFICIO NUEVO CENTRO, AVENIDA LIBERTADOR, CHACAO, CARACAS, VENEZUELA, A GOVERNMENT AGENCY.

2. THE PLANNED CAPACITY OF THE PLANT IS 35,000 METRIC TONS OF BAGASSE PULP PER YEAR. COST ESTIMATE IS STILL AT BS. 200 MILLION.

3. THE PULP PLANT WILL BE OPERATED BY A NEW COMPANY TO BE REGISTERED IN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER OF THIS YEAR. THE COMPANY WILL PROBABLY BE OF MIXED CAPITAL AS A JOINT VENTURE WITH A STILL UNDETERMINED AGENCY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THE GUANARE SUGAR MILL AND POSSIBLE THE CAN GROWER ASSOCIATION OF THE DISTRICT.

4. NO BIDS HAVE BEEN LET. THE PROMOTERS HOPE TO BE ABLE TO CALL FOR BIDS BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. A TURNKEY-TYPE CONTRACT IS BEING TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. A GROUP OF COMPANY EXECUTIVES HAVE VISITED BRAZIL AND HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS.

5. RUST ENGINEERING IS URGED TO CONTACT DR. ALEJANDRO RODRIGUEZ, CENTRAL AZUCARERA RIO GUANARE, GUANARE, ESTADO PROTUGUESA, UNCLASSIFIED

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VENEZUELA. THE PHONE NUMBER IS GUANARE 3310 BUT SPANISH LANGUAGE

ABILITY WOULD BE REQUIRED.

6. CONCERNING THE PHOSPHATE MINING PROJECT, LOCAL FABRICATORS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO OFFER PROPOSALS FOR A PRIMARY PHOSPHATE ROCK CRUSHING PLANT. THE VENEZUELAN PETROCHEMICAL INSTITUTE IVP INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT THE PROJECT CONSISTS OF AN ENLARGEMENT AND MODERNIZATION OF THE RIECITO PHOSPHATE MINES BUT THAT IT INTEND TO HAVE THE ENTIRE PROJECT HANDLED BY DOMESTIC FIRMS.
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